
CENTRAL REGION COUNCIL ON WORKFORCE SERVICES
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 28, 2003
12:30 p.m.

Presiding: Greg Diven, Vice Chair

Present: Susan Archibeque, Edward Armour, Allan Ayoub, Representative Brent Goodfellow, Bo Hall, Paul Jackson, Douglas Johnston, Brad Maughan, Stephen Ronnenkamp, Louie Silveira, Karen Silver, Kerry Steadman, Dean Walker, Commissioner Gene D. White and Mary Wilder for Megan Weisen.

Excused: Jane Reister Conard, Jan Cook, Charles Daud, Norman Fitzgerald, Kevin Schofield, Melva Sine, Russ Thelin and Megan Weisen.

Absent: Cynthia Brothers, Deirdre Darby Duffin, Elizabeth Heath, Todd Henriksen, John Hill, Councilman David Wilde and Julie Zimmerman.

Guests/Volunteers: Edie Fauver and Donald Kenyon -Roadmaster

Staff: Kim Auberger, Leno Franco, Diane Lovell, Melissa Olsen, Jim Robson, Billie Smith and Verene Froisland

Call to Order & Announcements

Greg Diven, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m., welcomed those in attendance and noted that Jane Reister Conard was unable to attend.

Mr. Diven stated that at the July State Council Meeting, Raylene Ireland reported on the recognition received from the Department of Labor in Washington D.C. for Utah's Department of Workforce Services efforts to address the nursing shortage – in particular the Central Region and Intermountain Health Care.

Other Announcements:

- Paul Jackson has officially become the Chair of the Central Region Youth Council. Bo Hall, the previous Chair, was thanked for all of his efforts. His original 6-month temporary assignment was extended to 2½ years.
- The next Training Vendor Fair will be held on Friday, September 12th at the Midvale Employment Center beginning at 10:00 a.m.
- The Employer Summit/Conference will be held on Thursday, September 25th – which also happens to be the regular Council meeting date. The September Council meeting will be held at SLCC-Jordan Campus so that Council members can attend both events. DWS will cover the Summit registration fee of \$49 for Council members that attend.
- The Council of Councils meeting will be held on October 9th and 10th at the University Park Hotel. The theme will be "Pathways of Progress". Two customers from each region will receive special recognition.

- A letter was sent to the UTA from Brad Maughan and Ms. Conard regarding the need for a bus stop near the new West Valley Employment Center.
- A draft letter from UREAP regarding TANF Reauthorization is available through Diane Lovell. It is recommended that individual private sector Council members send a letter to Senator Hatch using the draft template.
- Norm Fitzgerald recently had heart surgery and will be taking a leave of absence for approximately two months.
- Ms. Lovell's sister passed away. On behalf of the Council, Mr. Diven expressed his condolences to Ms. Lovell.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes – Central Region Council meeting of Thursday, June 26, 2003 and Executive Committee meetings of Thursday, July 10, 2003 & Thursday, August 14, 2003.

Mr. Jackson moved to approve all of the items listed under the Consent Agenda. Karen Silver seconded the motion. All voted "Aye". The motion passed.

New Member Nominations thru 2007

Mr. Diven stated that nominations are needed for the following new member candidates:

- Melva Sine, President/CEO, Utah Restaurant Association
- Kevin Schofield, Executive Director, Utah Alliance of Government Employees (UAGE)
- Louie Silveira, Warehouse Manager, Costco Wholesale

Ms. Sine and Mr. Schofield were unable to attend today and sent their regrets. Mr. Silveira was present and took a few minutes to introduce himself to the Council. Mr. Diven then asked for a motion to nominate all three new members at the same time.

Allan Ayoub moved to nominate Melva Sine, Kevin Schofield and Louie Silveira as new members of the Central Region Council. Representative Brent Goodfellow seconded the motion. All voted "Aye". The motion passed.

Mr. Diven noted that there are two more vacancies that need to be filled from the private sector representing small businesses.

Council Restructuring Recommendations

Mr. Diven stated that the Executive Committee discussed ways to improve the Council's efficiency and run the meetings more effectively. Mr. Diven then referred to and reviewed the "Restructuring Recommendations" outlined under Tab 4 of the agenda packet. One of the recommendations is to change and reduce Council meeting time and Order of Agenda to the following:

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| 12:00 to 12:30 p.m. | – | Committee Meetings |
| 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. | – | Action Items |
| 1:00 to 1:30 | – | Education/Information Items |

Another recommendation is to reduce the number of standing committees from 9 to 6. The Executive Committee would subsume the Membership, Government Relations and Finance Committees and functions.

After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the “Restructuring Recommendations” be adopted as presented.

Kerry Steadman moved to support the Executive Committee’s “Restructuring Recommendations” as presented. Susan Archibeque seconded the motion. All voted “Aye”. The motion passed.

Committee Reports

Basic Needs – Ms. Silver updated the Council regarding the “Need Help” packets and shared sample customer information cards. They will be available in English and Spanish. Ms. Silver then stated that Diane Lovell informed her that Sarah Brenna is interested in taking this project statewide.

Ms. Silver moved that the Council approve moving forward with the “Need Help” packet and information cards. Ed Armour seconded the motion. All voted “Aye”. The motion passed.

Ms. Silver noted that the Basic Needs Committee’s next project will be to explore services and opportunities for residents on the west side of Salt Lake City. Salt Lake City will be holding hearings later in September to get public input on west side needs. Ms. Silver stated that she and Edie Fauver plan to attend these hearings. If anyone else is interested in attending, Ms. Fauver will forward more detailed information to the Council members.

Training & Development – Doug Johnston stated that the Training & Development Committee has reviewed applications from Roadmaster Drivers School and Cameo Beauty College and recommend approval.

Mr. Johnston moved that Roadmaster and Cameo Beauty College be approved as vendors. Mr. Ayoub seconded the motion. All voted “Aye”. The motion passed.

Mr. Johnston then stated that the Training & Development Committee recommends the Supervising Today’s Workforce contract with Interpersonal Dynamics expire on September 30th and the program not be renewed.

Mr. Ayoub moved that the Council allow the Supervising Today’s Workforce contract to expire on September 30th. Mr. Johnston seconded the motion. All voted “Aye”. The motion passed.

Mr. Ayoub asked if there was any money remaining in the Supervising Today’s Workforce budget and if so, what would happen to it? Ms. Lovell stated that there is approximately \$8,000 in the account. Leno Franco stated that the Supervising Today’s Workforce revenue could be spent under the direction of the Council and is rolled over from year to year.

Facilities – Mr. Franco spoke concerning the Tooele Employment Center, stating that Rosemary Carter, Administrative Services Manager, visited the Tooele Employment Center and supports a short-term option of remodeling the current location. While this is ongoing, the committee and DWS will be looking at long-term options.

Mr. Franco then updated the Council on the Central Region Eligibility Service Center and the ongoing remodel scheduled for completion by September 29th.

Mr. Franco then stated that some modifications have been completed at the South County Employment Center to provide more suitable work areas for staff.

Youth Council – WIA Youth Services - Mr. Jackson stated that customer barriers are assigned point values and in order for youth (age 18 to 21) to be accepted into the program they need a minimum of 21 points. Other barrier categories had previously been assigned points and the Youth Council recommended 2 points be assigned for veterans status and 4 points for disabled veterans. The Youth Council is asking for the Central Region Council's approval of these service priority values.

Mr. Jackson moved to approve 2 points for veterans and 4 points for disabled veterans on the WIA Youth Service Priority System. Ms. Silver seconded the motion. All voted "Aye". The motion passed.

Labor Market Update & Forecast Presentation

James Robson, DWS Sr. Economist, distributed the following publications relating to Utah's Economy:

- Trend Lines: Perspectives on Utah's Economy – July/August 2003
- Utah Metro Job Trends – June 2003
- Utah Job Trends: Metro – printed from the jobs.utah.gov website
- Fact sheets for Salt Lake and Tooele Counties

Mr. Robson briefly discussed Utah's economy and reviewed the above-mentioned handouts/publications. If anyone has questions relating to the economy or the handouts/publications, they may contact him by calling at 526-9626 or e-mailing at jrobson@utah.gov.

Ms. Silver stated that the materials that have been distributed have a lot of information about employment and employers. However, she does not see very much related to jobseeker demographics and statistics and feels that having some information related to the jobseeker is important in order to stay balanced. Ms. Silver then stated that she would meet with Mr. Robson later to talk about her concerns.

A brief discussion followed as Council members asked questions of Mr. Robson related to Utah's economy. Mr. Diven then thanked Mr. Robson for his presentation.

Regional Director's Report

Mr. Maughan spoke concerning the substantial increase (25% in 12 months) in the demand for supportive services. Because additional staff have not been authorized, some of the things that are being done to address the increase include; requesting more staff, moving some staff from employment services to supportive services, and lastly, the possibility of cutting or reducing employment services. Mr. Maughan then stated that he would keep the Council updated.

Mr. Maughan then addressed Representative Goodfellow's prior request that DWS look into finding other funds for child care. Mr. Maughan stated that although possible internal funding was identified, the Department concluded that it doesn't make fiscal sense to support a service that is underutilized? Mr. Maughan then indicated that he would be happy to discuss the topic further with the Council upon request.

Old Business

1000-Day Plan Milestones & 2004 Council Goals – Mr. Diven reminded the Committee Chairs and members to review the goals and develop new mission statements and have them ready by the next Council meeting.

New Business

Kim Auberger stated that the Workforce Information Division is hosting an open house and state of the economy press conference on Friday, September 5th at our Admin North Building. Each Council member is invited to attend.

Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m.